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## LOCAL JOTTINGS

As Shakespeare said, "The rain it raineth every day." The Bible and Shakespeare are the two books that are a ways up to date.

This time last year we were complaining that it was a little too dry. The "rain" for the whole of May and the first of June was one-half of an inch. In May of this year 3.4 inches were registered, and June is making a strong effort to beat that, judging from present appearances.

The irrigation we are getting just now does not require any re-evaluation. It hits the high spots and the low spots alike, and we doubt if even a letter from Henry Sorenson would have any effect on it.

We received the other day a letter from Jasper Bruce, a Strathmore resident who since the war started has been engaged in shipping horses from points in Canada and the U.S. He is at present stationed at Newport News, Va., and since December has shipped to Britain 59,225 horses, while previous to that he shipped 119 from St John, New Brunswick. At present he states that there are four thousand horses in the corral at Newport News awaiting shipment, while they started on a shipment of 40,000 mules. Jasper asks to be remembered to his many friends here.

The Alberta Hail Insurance Board expects to complete payment of claims in Bow Valley here and there. Part payments were made about the end of last year, but the delay with the balance has caused much dissatisfaction among farmers whose crops were affected by hail. It is hoped that this year the scheme will be in better working order.

When is the Town Council going to do something to improve the condition of the road east of the Demonstration Farm. The matter was brought to their attention some weeks ago, but nothing has been done so far.

Two little Dutch-Canadians were ushered into the world last week. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Boers on May 25, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Clavers on June 1.



**Wounded at Langemark**  
**KENNETH MACLEAN**, an officer in the 1st Canadian Trench Battalion, who was wounded in the last issue.

The Patriotic Society meets Monday June 14th at Mrs. Lord's at four o'clock.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Jacob Stofft at his home in Calgary last week. Mr. Stofft was well known in this district, and the news of his death will cause much regret. He was formerly in charge of the C.P.R. Land Office here, and latterly in a similar position at Calgary. He has been in a bad state of health for a considerable time past, but recovered somewhat this spring. He was survived by his widow and a grown-up family, with whom much sympathy is expressed in their bereavement. Mr. Stofft is a brother-in-law of Mr. Chas. Falkner, of Strathmore.

As will be seen from advert, in issue, Dr. J. W. Giffen is disposing of fifty head of Short-horn and Hereford cows and calves by auction on June 19.

The C.P.R. are inviting tenders for the plowing of the fire-guard along this division of their line. Particulars will be seen in another column.

A very interesting lecture, illustrated by limelight views, was given in the Methodist Church last night by Mr. N. S. Rankin, the subject being "The Panama Canal and the San Francisco Exposition." The collection taken resulted in a handsome contribution to the funds of the Strathmore Patriotic Society. Owing to its closeness to press time we are unable to give more details in this issue.

Foster, the official weather forecaster of the United States, predicted a dry year. Prophecy is somewhat at a discount these days, and in regard to weather, war.

Mr. W. E. Brown is handling Plymouth binder twine. With the bright prospects for a record crop, there is likely to be a short age, and orders should be placed now.

Amid general rejoicings, the genial proprietor of the Club Cafe, Mr. Hugh Williams, was married to Miss Elsie Nook yesterday evening. The honeymoon has been slightly interrupted by the bridegroom having to attend the Trainor case in Calgary to act as a witness.

Mr. B. L. Wade was operated on at Calgary last week for appendicitis.

We have received a letter from Mr. D. F. Boissevain on the subject of Prohibition, which will be published in next issue. Fortunately for our readers, the letter is not as dry as the subject (nor even as dry as this kind of humor).

As will be seen by advertisement in another part of this issue, Keoka Rural Municipality is contemplating putting into effect a by-law regulating the running at large of stock. Those who are residents within this Municipality should study it carefully.

Mrs. A. W. Girvin will receive on June 10, and not again this season.

## In The Firing Line

CORPORAL STANLEY WRITES OF EXPERIENCES AT YPRES

Corporal H. Stanley, who left Strathmore with the 1st Canadian Contingent, and who is now with the Canadian Military Mounted Police, was through the heavy fighting at Ypres last month, which resulted in the killing of seventy Canadians, and the wounding of many others. We have received an interesting letter from him dated May 11. The letter is as follows:

"Since I last wrote you things have moved pretty quickly. We arrived at Ypres on the 17th April, stayed two days, and were then shelled out. We were then moved to Vlameringhe, a little village about 2 miles from Ypres. On the 23rd April the Germans used poisonous gas, forcing the French to leave their positions. They poured through Vlameringhe in a disorganized mob. We were immediately called out to keep the road clear to the firing line for troops and ammunition columns. In the famous charge which you have read about, where the Canadians filled the gap, the 10th regiment from Calgary led the charge. Everyone in the Canadian Contingent did their share. It was nerve racking, and I regret to say that Arthur Waddy Jack Wilks and several other members of our police force were on the casualty list. We all have had our narrow escapes as we were under very heavy fire for nine days and nights. We used to go to Ypres and St. Jean, whichever place de- veloped. There were shells falling every ten seconds. There is not a building left untouched in Ypres, and the stench of the dead is awful. We were shelled out of our billets in Vlameringhe. One shell went through the roof and killed one of our men, wounding two others. Two other shells burst inside, but only did damage to the building. Another burst in the street, several yards from the building, severely wounding another C.M.I. All in all the same spot eight civilians were killed. The town was just a continual rain of shells all the time we were there, and eventually we were obliged to sleep in our dugouts. Our duties extended, as before stated, to St. Jean from Vlameringhe. The Strathmore boys have undoubtedly been very lucky. Apart from the two already mentioned, we have only had bumps and scratches. One horse I was riding was hit with shrapnel. I was in Ypres on the 11th list with one of our men, who had been badly knocked about from time to time through shell fire, when he completely lost his head, and at the present time has not yet recovered. We are all enjoying a well earned rest, awaiting reinforcements."

The following Strathmore boys wish to be remembered: Wadman, Stevenson, S. Williams, Carroll, and myself. As regards Koyvetz, I hear he is still at the base (England).

A troop train passed through here on Sunday with the 12th Canadian Mounted Rifles, from B.C. A brother of Mr. W. R. Harter, of Strathmore, is a member of this regiment. A number of local boys are with the Alberta Companies of the C.M.R., and most of them have started on the journey to the firing line.

A study of the ads in this issue will result in economies in house-keeping.

An interesting booklet, containing numerous testimonials on the benefits derived from irrigation in Strathmore and other districts during the year 1914, has been issued by the C.P.R.



A SCOUT OF THE THIRD CONTINGENT

Young intirymen observing the movements of the "enemy" along the banks of the Humber River, near Toronto

## Successful Excursion To Banff

Despite the wet, drizzle morning more than two hundred and fifty people made the journey to Banff on Thursday under the auspices of the Strathmore School Board. It has been calculated that if the sun had shone at least another hundred people would have made the trip, but many no doubt wakened up in the early morning, and seeing the unpromising nature of the day went back to bed again.

About 220 people boarded the train at Strathmore and this with 22 at Yamaska, and a few at Cheale, Langdon and Calgary, made up the complement.

When the excursionists reached Banff, at about 10:30 a.m., the sun was shining brightly, and throughout the whole of their stay there was not a drop of rain, and, in fact, the weather could not have been better for pleasure purposes.

Of the nine hours allotted them the excursionists took full advantage, driving, swimming, boating, etc. Since last year a beautiful new swimming bath has been completed at the cave and basin, and all day long prominent Strathmore faces could be seen emerging above the surface of the water with every appearance of enjoyment. The museum of open air 200 attracted much attention, and all day long parties were making the round of the cages containing the birds and animals.

By a peculiar coincidence one of the Banff picture houses had a play by Ouida, "Strathmore," on its programme on Thursday, and a number spent an hour there.

At eight p.m. the train pulled out of Banff station again, and at midnight the holiday makers reached Strathmore, tired but happy, and everybody acknowledged that the return journey Strathmore-Banff-Banff-Strathmore was a most enjoyable one. On the way to Banff and on the return journey Strathmore-Banff-Banff-Strathmore was a most enjoyable one. Various cars, and the most was much appreciated. Although the returns are not in

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